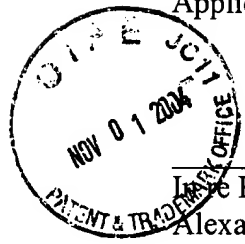


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 19-22 and 24-44, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.